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Bicyclist Seriously Injured While Riding Near Jenny Lake in Grand Teton National Park

Robert A. Armstrong, a 78-year-old resident of Teton Village, Wyoming, was riding a single-speed cruiser bicycle southbound along the one-way portion of the Jenny Lake scenic loop road, when he apparently fell from his bike onto the roadway and sustained serious head injuries. The accident occurred today, August 17, about 12:15 p.m.

Teton Interagency Dispatch Center received a call from the Teton County Sheriff's Office at 12:20 p.m., reporting that a 911 cell phone call had been made to them with a report that an ambulance was needed near the Jenny Lake scenic overlook in the park. Park rangers and a park ambulance immediately responded to this location where they came upon the critically injured and unconscious Armstrong. Rangers provided advanced emergency medical care and quickly transported Armstrong to St. John's Medical Center in Jackson, Wyoming. Armstrong was then flown to Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center in Idaho Falls, Idaho for further treatment.

In circumstances related to this accident, Dallas Owoc, age 57, of Hudsonville, Michigan, had driven his motorcycle along the Jenny Lake scenic loop road and stopped at Jenny Lake overlook to enjoy the views with three friends, also on motorcycles. After leaving the overlook, Owoc realized that he left his keys behind at the parking lot, so he turned around approximately ¼ mile south of the scenic overlook and slowly drove the wrong way on the one-way road back to the parking area. As Owoc was driving north while hugging the eastern edge of the one-way road, he and Armstrong surprised each other near the entrance to the overlook, and they both laid their bikes down. Preliminary reports indicate that the motorcycle did not hit the bicycle or the cyclist.

The accident is currently under investigation. No further details are available at this time.

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